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JOINT CHEMICAL WARFARE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF MAJOR OBJECTIVES

1. The Joint Chemical Warfare Intelligence Committee sets forth its major and current critical objectives and points out wherein these immediate objectives are an essential part of the broad and continuing objective, which is to estimate the nature and magnitude of the threat of warfare with chemical agents.

2. The threat is greatest from the Soviet orbit, and within this area, principally from the USSR itself. Accordingly, the specific objectives set forth below are directed toward this geographical area, and further, because intelligence estimates of the general capabilities of the USSR for chemical warfare are fairly firm, these specific objectives emphasize intentions and firm estimates of what the situation is in fact, as contrasted with capabilities.

3. The current major objectives of the JCWIC are to assess:

a. Critical indicators of immediate military preparations for offensive or defensive chemical warfare, and comparable indicators of civilian defensive measures against such warfare.

b. Details of agents, munitions, and equipment for CW, and the field testing of them.

c. Present stock of nerve gases detailed as to whether in bulk storage or munitions.

d. Current production of nerve gases and planned expansion.

e. Identification, precise location, and specific details of toxic chemical manufacturing, filling, and storage facilities.

f. State of development of chemical agents with special military advantages, or those economically attractive.

4. The attainment of these objectives will enable the JCWIC to make the various detailed estimates required for national planning as well as those required by the Department of Defense for planning military operating in the event of war.

5. The current estimates of the JCWIC show that the USSR has the capabilities to provide adequate munitions for extensive chemical warfare, and likewise possesses substantial stocks of such weapons. It, therefore, becomes important to know the status and scope of current developments, and the implication therein of intentions. This requires continuing accurate and complete information pertinent to the major objectives set forth above.

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